

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-16, 18, 21, 25 and 26 are amended and claims 7, 13, 17, 20, 27 and 28 are canceled.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The applicant has amended claim 21 to refer only to features shown in Figure 11 and has canceled claims 13 and 28. The applicant has further amended claim 21 to refer to the relationship between the elastic element and the component as suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 27 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper antecedent form. The applicant has canceled claim 27. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

All claims were objected to for containing reference characters which do not correspond to the claimed Figure. The applicant has amended all remaining claims to remove reference characters as suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 21 were objected to for informalities. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, and 21 to address the noted informalities. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4, 7, 13, 15-18, 20, 21 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 7, 13, 17, 20, 27 and 28 have been canceled. Claim 21 has been amended to contain only limitations present in Figure 11. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from amended independent claim 21 and contains only limitations present in Figure 11. Claims 15,

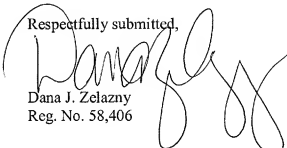
16, 18, 25 and 26 likewise depend from amended independent claim 21 and contain only limitations present in Figure 11. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully asserts that all remaining claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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